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The Western Maricopa County/Luke Air Force Base component of the Arizona Military Regional Compatibility Project is an effort to identify permanent resolutions to land use compatibility issues around Luke Air Force Base through collaborative effort and strong implementation. This update is one of a series that will be distributed throughout the project to keep stakeholders and other interested parties up to date on project progress.

WEST VALLEY & LUKE REGIONAL LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN OPEN HOUSE II

The Arizona Department of Commerce is hosting a second open house on December 14, 2002, to present the implementation strategy recommendations of the Western Maricopa/Luke Air Force Base Draft Regional Compatibility Plan and provide an opportunity to discuss your ideas with the project team and others in the community. The event will be held between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Country Side Elementary School located at 15034 North Clandestine Way in the City of Surprise. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend and participate in this important endeavor.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

The Arizona Department of Commerce is hosting six meetings on December 16, 17, and 18, 2002, to facilitate dialogue on the Western Maricopa/Luke Air Force Base Draft Regional Compatibility Plan Implementation Strategies. These meetings will be held at the Goodyear City Hall located at 190 North Litchfield Road, in the main conference room. The purpose of the meetings is to continue discussions begun at the December 14 open house, focusing on the specific issues important to various stakeholders in the area. The agenda for each meeting includes an overview of the Draft Regional Compatibility Plan, a review of the issues of importance to the interest group, an open dialogue focusing on strategies to achieve compatibility, and concluding with a recap of the group's conclusions. While each meeting is focused on a particular interest group, anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings. It is important to try and attend the open house prior to participating in an interest group meeting to provide a more comprehensive background for discussion.

The schedule for the meetings is:

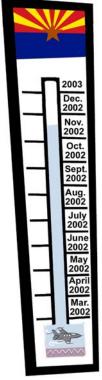
Date	Time	Meeting Focus/Interest Group
Mon. Dec.	16 8:30 - 11:30 a.n	n. Home Builders/Developers
Mon. Dec.	16 1:30 – 4:30 p.m	. Agricultural Landowners
Tues. Dec.	17 8:30 - 11:30 a.n	n. Political Jurisdictions/Agency Staff
Tues. Dec.	17 1:30 - 4:30 p.m	. Political Jurisdictions/Agency Decision Makers
Tues. Dec.	17 6:00 – 8:30 p.m	. Business Community
Wed. Dec.	18 8:30 - 11:30 a.n	n. Luke Air Force Base Personnel

NEXT STEPS

• **December 4, 2002: Release Draft Regional Compatibility Plan.** The Western Maricopa/Luke Air Force Base Draft Regional Compatibility Plan is scheduled to be made available on December 4. The community is encouraged to review the draft, attend the open house on December 14, participate in one of the interest group meetings, and provide comments to the Arizona Department of Commerce.

- December 14, 2002: West Valley & Luke Regional Land Use Compatibility Plan Open House II. The open house will provide an opportunity to review and comment on the recommendations of the Draft Plan focusing on implementation strategies. The project team and representatives from Luke Air Force Base will be available to answer questions and listen to your ideas on how best to achieve compatibility within the region.
- December 16, 17, and 18, 2002: Interest Group Meetings. The interest group meetings will
 continue the dialogue between the community and the project team on the strategies to achieve
 regional compatibility, focusing on issues of importance to the various interest groups.
- Spring 2003: Release Final Regional Compatibility Plan. After considering the comments and discussions from the open house, the Arizona Department of Commerce will release the Final Western Maricopa/Luke Air Force Base Regional Compatibility Plan.

PROJECT PROGRESS



Final Document

Interest Group Meetings
West Valley & Luke Regional
Land Use Open House II
Draft Plan Document
Prepare Draft Plan Document
West Valley & Luke Regional
Land Use Open House

Data Collection & Issue Identification Over the next three months, ongoing tasks will include development of land use scenarios and implementation strategies, preparation for the second open house and interests group meetings, and release of the Draft Regional Compatibility Plan.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT

To find information, provide feedback, or ask questions, please visit the project web site via www.azcommerce.com, or contact Deb Sydenham, AICP, Director, Community Planning Office, Arizona Department of Commerce at (602) 280-8114 or debs@azcommerce.com.